

FISCAL NOTE

TO: Chief Clerk of the Senate
Chief Clerk of the House

FROM: James A. Davenport, Executive Director

DATE: March 22, 1995

SUBJECT: **SB 544 - HB 1448**


This bill, if enacted, will require that the Basic Education Program (BEP) funding formula take into account the increased classroom and other facility needs arising from the 21st Century Program, reduction in pupil/teacher ratio, and the age of school facilities, and include an allocation to each local education agency to cover capital costs.

The bill further requires that the BEP provide funds for compliance with state or federally mandated programs, such as blood borne pathogens' vaccinations and all required environmental testing.

Currently, the BEP contains components to generate funds for classroom and facility needs arising from the 21st Century Program, reduction of pupil teacher ratio, and a capital outlay component to address facility replacement. The BEP also addresses additional costs incurred by local education agencies as a result of various mandates of state and federal governments and environmental testing.

The fiscal impact from enactment of this bill is estimated to be an increase in state and local government* expenditures for vaccinations which are not presently addressed under the BEP. A reasonable estimate of the increase cannot be determined but is estimated to be not significant.

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.


James A. Davenport, Executive Director

*Article II, Section 24 of the Tennessee Constitution provides that: *no law of general application shall impose increased expenditure requirements on cities or counties unless the General Assembly shall provide that the state share in the cost.*